

CHAPTER 2.1.9.

INFECTIOUS SALMON ANAEMIA

Article 2.1.9.2.

Susceptible species

For the purposes of this *Aquatic Code*, *susceptible species* for ISA are: Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*), brown and sea trout (*S. trutta*), Rainbow trout (*O. mykiss*), ~~pollock (*Pollachius virens*) and cod (*Gadus morhua*)~~.

Suspect cases of natural infection with ISAV in species other than those listed in this Article should be referred immediately to the appropriate OIE Reference Laboratory, whether or not clinical signs are associated with the findings.

Rationale: The United States has no documentation nor is aware of any scientific evidence to support Pollock and Cod as being susceptible species; however, Rainbow trout (*O. mykiss*) should be added to the list.

Article 2.1.9.3.

Commodities

1. When authorising import or transit of the following *commodities*, *Competent Authorities* should not require any ISA related conditions, regardless of the ISA status of the *exporting country, zone or compartment*:
 - a) ...
 - b) The following products destined for human consumption¹ from species in Article 2.1.9.2 which have been prepared in such a way to minimise the risk of diversion for alternative uses:
 - i) ~~Chemically~~ Preserved products (e.g. smoked, salted, pickled, marinated, etc ...);
 - ii) Heat treated products > 60°C (e.g. ready prepared meals, fish oil);
 - iii) ...
 - iv) ...

- v) ...
- c)
- 2. ...
- 3. When considering the import or transit of any live *commodity* of a species not listed in Article 2.1.9.2. from an *exporting country, zone or compartment* not declared free of ISA, *Competent Authorities* of the *importing country* should conduct an analysis of the risk of introduction, establishment and spread of ISAV, and the potential consequences₇ associated with importation of the *commodity*, prior to a decision. The outcome of this assessment should be made available to the *exporting country*.

Rationale:

Article 2.1.9.3 1)b)i): Smoking and freeze drying are physical (not chemical) processes.

Article 2.1.9.3 1)b)ii): Proper heat treatment requires temperatures of > 60C.

Article 2.1.9.3 3): Grammar -- no comma needed after "...and the potential consequences..."

Articles 2.1.9.7 and 2.1.9.10

The sentence in each of these articles which reads:

"The certificate ~~shall~~**should** be in accordance with the Model Certificate in Appendix 6.1.1 and 6.2.1.."

Comment: Recommend replacing the word "shall" with "should" as it is a more appropriate term when referring to a recommended procedure.